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SUBJECT: MISLEADING PRESS ARTICLE ON US AID

TO EGYPT

1. DEPT/AID DOUBTLESS HAVE SEEN HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE BY LOS ANGELES TIMES CORRESPONDENT JACK FOISIE, DATELINED CAIRO, INDICATING AID ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN ALLOCATING ALL OF \$250 MILLION EARMARKED IN FY 75 FOR EGYPTIAN PROJECT AND SUGGESTING RACE AGAINST TIME TO COMMIT FINAL \$70 MILLION BEFORE END OF FISCAL YEAR. INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO AID OFFICIALS IN CAIRO AND STORY ALSO SPEAKS OF EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE. ARTICLE TAKES SLAP AT GOE BUREAU-CRATIC SLUGGISHNESS.

2. FOISIE ARTICLE IS A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS AND AS SUCH UNHELPFUL. WHILE SOME OF THE PROPOSED EGYPTIAN PROJECTS HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE NOT AS FAR ALONG AS EGYPTIANS INITIALLY SUGGESTED, DEPT/AID KNOW REASONS WHY LAST THREE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS COMMITTING BALANCE OF FY 75 AID NOT SIGNED UNTIL JUNE 29-30. EGYPTIANS WERE QUITE READY TO PROCEED AND LAST MINUTE

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MENTS RATHER THAN ANY DELAY ON PART EGYPTIANS. DESPITE THE FACT THAT ACTUAL FUNDS DID NOT BECOME AVAILABLE UNTIL SECOND HALF FY 76, THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION THAT ALL THE FUNDS WOULD BE COMMITTED.

3. SINCE MAJOR PORTION OF US AID TO EGYPT HAD BEEN ALLOCATED AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SUCH ALLOCATIONS RELEASED, AID/CAIRO OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED THOSE FIGURES WITH FOISIE AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, FOISIE'S INTERPRETATION OF AID ATTITUDES AND THE REASONS FOR THE THEN UNALLOCATED BALANCES ARE HIS OWN AND DO NOT REPEAT NOT REFLECT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH AID OFFICERS. HE APPARENTLY HAS CHOSEN A THEME AND THEN DISTORTED THE FACTS TO FIT THAT THEME. WE ARE SETTING HIM STRAIGHT.

4. SINCE STORY MAY AROUSE CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONS, DEPT/AID MAY WISH CONSIDER TAKING PREEMPTIVE ACTION WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE FACTS AND ASSURE THEM IMPLICATION IN STORY THAT EGYPTIANS UNABLE USE US AID TO TOTALLY FALSE. EILTS

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